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NEW INDICATIVE AID PROGRAM AS SIGNIFICANT STEP

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1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION STAFF OFFICIALS WHO ARE HANDLING
EC AID RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA CONSIDER THE GON'S RECENT DECISION
TO AGREE TO AN INDICATIVE AID PROGRAM AS A SIGNIFICANT FORWARD
STEP FOR EC/GON COOPRATION. END SUMMARY

2. FOR OVER A YEAR THE EC HAS BEEN DISCUSSING AN INDICATIVE
AID PROGRAM WITH THE GON. NIGERIAN OFFICIALS REJECTED BOTH AN AID
PROGRAM AND AN EC DELEGATE, SAYING NEITHER WAS NEEDED. COMMISSIN
OFFICIALS ADD, HOWEVER, THAT AFTER A THROUGH ASSESSMENT OF ITS
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, GON AUTHORITIES DECIDED
TO SUPPORT FULLY THE LOME CONVENTION AND TO USE EC INSTITUTIONS
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AS " AN HONEST BROKER" IN NIGERIAN RELATIONS WITH THE NINE .
AS A RESULT, GON PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE TRADE MINISTRY,
ALRIKAKUR ALHAJI, AGREED TO AN AID PROGRAM OF 10 MILLION
UNITS OF ACCOUNT (MUA , $11.2 MISSION) ON MAY 4 IN
BRUSSELS.

3 COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THIS AID WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY

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ON PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY SMALL AND MEDIUM- SIZED INDIGENOUS INDUSTRIES. THE GON SUBMITTED AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS PARED DOWN. THE EC WILL HELP FINANCE FEASIBILITY STUDIES, TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING INDUSTRY. THE TERMS OF THIS AID HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, BUT MOST OF IT IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FORM OF CONCESSIONAL LOANS, EXCEPT FOR TRAINING FUNDS WHICH WILL BE GRANTS. THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK PLANS TO AUGMENT THIS AID BY EXTENDING LOANS AT NEAR COMMERCIAL TERMS FOR VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THE EIB HASINOT YET SET AN AMOUNT FOR ITS LENDING; COMMISSION OFFICIALS EXPECT EIB LOANS TO EXCEED 20 MUA BY THE END OF THE LOME CONVENTION, I.E., MARCH 1980.

4. THE COMMISSION PLANS TO OPEN UP A DELEGATE'S OFFICE IN LAGOS. AN IRISHMAN WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN GHANA FOR THE COMMISSION, I.G. GARVEY, WILL HEAD UP THE OFFICE. GARVEY WILL ARRIVE ON MAY 26 AND WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE A STAFF OF SEVERAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING AN ECONOMIST AND AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST. EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON, WHO HANDLES DEVELOPMENT AFFIARS, EXPECTS TO VISIT LAGOS IN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO REVIEW AID ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE HIGHLY PLEASED OVER GON DECISION TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN LOME CONVENTION, BECUASE OF NIGERIA'S INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN AFRICAN AFFIARS. IT WAS A MATTER OF GROWNING CONCERN THAT NIGERIA WAS ONLY ONE OF TWO AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN
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AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES THAT HAD NOT AGREED TO AN EC INDICATIVE AID PROGRAM. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER, WHETHER NIGERIAL WILL HENCEFORTH PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY LOME MATTERS. SO FAR THE GON HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT ALOOF FROM EC/ACP DEALINGS. THE COMMISSION CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE GON INTO AN ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP.
END COMMENT.
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